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Chapter	124	Manual Of Standards For Children'S Shelter Facilities And Homes	9/12/2008
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Section	5	Staff/child ratios for shelter facilities (N.J.A.C. 10:124-3.5)	

§10:124-3.5 Staff/child ratios for shelter facilities

(a) A minimum of two staff members shall be on duty at the shelter facility when children are present, except during sleeping hours when the shelter facility shall meet the requirements as specified in (b)1ii below.

(b) Each shelter facility shall provide minimum staff/child ratios based on the number of children in residence at the shelter facility as stated below:

1. Child care:

i. During waking hours, the child care staff/child ratios shall be as follows:

Child care staff	Number of children
1	Up to 8
2	9-14
3	15-20
4	21-25

ii. During sleeping hours, shelter facilities with an average daily population of three or fewer children shall have a minimum of one awake child care worker on duty. Shelter facilities with an average daily population of more than three children shall have a minimum of two child care workers, one of whom shall be awake and responsible for the supervision of the children.

2. Social services:

i. There shall be a minimum of one social service worker at the shelter facility.

ii. Shelter facilities with a capacity of 12 or fewer children may provide for social services on a part-time basis. The total of social services hours provided shall amount to not less than 20 hours of service per week.

iii. In shelter facilities with a capacity of 12 or fewer children, the administrator may serve as a part-time social service worker providing s/he possesses the qualification for the position.